

**Minutes of a *Regular*  
Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Ellicott  
held at the Administration Building and via Zoom  
215 S. Work Street, Falconer, N.Y. on  
June 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilman Tyler Councilwoman Bowman, Councilwoman Whitmore, Town Clerk Bellardo, Highway Superintendent Pickett, Attorney Duncanson. Absent Attorney Duncanson. Absent: Councilman Heitzenrater

Supervisor McLaughlin opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the Town Council in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Clerk Bellardo called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Councilman Tyler, seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2020 Meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

**Carried.                                  Ayes – 4                                  Noes - 0                                  Absent - 1**

**TOWN OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**Councilman Tyler** received a complaint from Bob Kovel on Westbury Court. He paid to have a private assessment done and took it to the Assessment Office two years ago. It took two and a half years to get the assessment corrected. He was charged late fees and penalties on his taxes, since the Assessment Office never recorded the change. After much discussion, Councilman Tyler is going to reach out to him and get a copy of all his paperwork that is date stamped from the Assessing Office. We will look at the issue again at July’s meeting regarding refunding him his late charges and penalties.

**Attorney Duncanson** completed the easement for the turnaround on Camp Street Extension from Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds. He asked Supervisor McLaughlin to sign to record the easement.

Regarding the Home Depot tax challenge, he is proposing a reduction from 4,900,000 to 4,700,000 for 2019 and 2020.

**Resolution #20-2020**  
**Home Depot Tax Assessment**

MOTION by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we accept the Home Depot tax reduction for 2019 and 2020 from 4,900,000 to 4,700,000

**Adopted.                                  Ayes - 4                                  Noes - 0                                  Absent – 1**

He has been working on a local law for large scale commercial solar projects and also for street opening, but would like to wait until August to have the public hearings on the local laws.

He reported that we resolved the cell tower on West Oak Hill Road.

**Highway Superintendent Pickett** had the opportunity to purchase a 2020 Bobcat Skid-Steer through the Lead Water Replacement Grant.

**Resolution #21-2020**

2020 Bobcat Skid-Steer

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we purchase a 2020 Bobcat Skid-Steer off New York State bid to be paid for through the Lead Water Replacement Grant.

**Adopted.**

**Ayes - 4**

**Noes - 0**

**Absent – 1**

We got our CHIPS letter stating that we will be reimbursed for at least 80% of our allowance right now. He received a complaint about a block wall on Fairmount Avenue that the home owner would like fixed. It is in the State right-a-way and they will write it down and possibly fix. Sales Tax is down about 40% for the current quarter. He is hoping that it will start to go up, but has adjusted his budget accordingly.

Mr. Reynolds on Camp Street Extension has a BPU water line on his property without an easement. He is looking for the Town to connect his water in exchange for an easement. Superintendent Pickett is still researching if the former owner gave his permission to run the line before he sold and split the property. The Town would be responsible for costs for property damages on repairs made by the BPU without an easement. He is going to talk to him again and bring it back to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Herbicide** –Supervisor McLaughlin informed the Board that the DEC denied the herbicide application since there was not enough Eurasian Milfoil. There is a lot of Curly Leaf Pondweed, which is really bad right now but should die off in July. He has been in contact with the Alliance asking them to direct the funds they received to harvest the weeds in the Burtis Bay area. The Alliance is requesting that we renew our membership now instead of December. They need commitment in order to get grant applications in.

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Bowman that we renew our membership to the Alliance now.

**Adopted.**

**Ayes - 4**

**Noes - 0**

**Absent – 1**

**Assessment Update** –Supervisor McLaughlin read a letter from Assessor Okerlund stating that the reassessment is complete and we are at 100% equalization. He thanks the members of the assessing office and board of assessment review members for their hard work. He is

recommending that the Town do a reassessment in 5 to 6 years. He has filed paperwork with the State to try to get some financial reimbursement for the reval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fluvanna Ave. Water**

Supervisor McLaughlin informed the Board that we are again trying to get the Fluvanna Avenue water project going. Money available for infrastructure has gone up both state and federal. We are hoping to get funding to complete the project, including running the line in the City of Jamestown.

**Resolution #22-2020**

**Fluvanna Ave. SEQRA Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency**

**MOTION** by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilwoman Whitmore that we accept the SEQRA Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency for the Town of Ellicott Comprehensive Water District-Fluvanna Water Service Area

**Adopted.   Ayes - 4   Noes - 0   Absent – 1**

**RESOLUTION #23-2020**

**Payment of Claims**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Whitmore, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to pay Abstract #12-2020 in the amount of \$128,509.70.

**Adopted.   Ayes – 4   Noes - 0   Absent – 1**

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Amy M. Bellardo, Town Clerk